

## State of Utah

#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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	es Present During the Inspection:  Guy Davis
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# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0150019			
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL			
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, November 24, 2010			
Start Date/Time:	11/24/2010 12:30:00 PM			
End Date/Time:	11/24/2010 1:30:00 PM			
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, August 31, 2010			

Inspector: Pete Hess,

Weather: <u>Clear, cold; teens Fahrenheit.</u> InspectionID Report Number: <u>2566</u>

**Types of Operations** 

Accepted by: jhelfric 12/1/2010

Permitee: ENERGY WEST MINING CO
Operator: ENERGY WEST MINING CO
Site: COTTONWOOD/ WILBERG

Address: PO BOX 310, HUNTINGTON UT 84528

County: EMERY

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

<b>Total Permitted</b>	4,128.43
<b>Total Disturbed</b>	43.57
Phase I	21.29
Phase II	21.29
Phase III	21.29

**Current Acreages** 

Mineral Ownership

✓ Federal
✓ Underground

State
Surface

County
Loadout

✓ Fee☐ Processing☐ Other☐ Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine site remains in temporary cessation status.

The State of Utah received a winter storm during the previous 36 hour period, dropping temperatures into the teens from the 30's. Price received anywhere from .5 to 1 inch of snow. It is not known how much snow was received at the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine site.

Inspector's Signature:

Pete Hess,

Inspector ID Number: 46

Date Wednesday, Novemb



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## REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale				
2.	Signs and Markers				
3.	Topsoil				
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions				
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures				
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	✓		<b>✓</b>	
5.	Explosives		✓	<b>✓</b>	
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches		✓		
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	✓		<b>✓</b>	
8.	Noncoal Waste				
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage				
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading				
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
15.	Cessation of Operations	<b>✓</b>		✓	
16.2	Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.b	Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations				
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance	✓		<b>✓</b>	
22.	Other				

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## 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The 3rd quarter of 2010 impoundment inspections for the North and South sediment ponds and the Cottonwood waste rock site sediment pond were conducted on September 22, 2010 by Mr. John Christensen, P.E., and Mr. Rick Cullum, R.L.S. There were no indications of instability or other hazards noted by The Permittee's qualified individuals. All three ponds have at least 0.14 AF of sediment storage capacity remaining prior to reaching the 60 % clean out elevation. Mr. Christensen provided the required P.E. certification on October 18, 2010. The required monthly inspection for the North and South MSHA ponds at the Cottonwood site are current as of November 10,2010. Mr. Davis is the qualified MSHA impoundment inspection person for the Permittee. No problems were identified for either MSHA impoundment.

## 4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The second quarter of 2010 water monitoring information for the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine permit area has been uploaded into the Division permanent data base from the pipeline.

#### 4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations

Discharge monitoring reports for the month of September 2010 were reviewed for parameter exceedances and timely submittal. No exceedances were reported for outfall 001A for September. All reports were submitted by October 19, 2010, which is nine days prior to the required reporting date. Outfalls 003A, 004A and 005A were all reported as no discharge.

#### 5. Explosives

There are no explosives or detonators in storage at the Mine.

#### 7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

No waste rock or sediment pond tailings have been deposited at the Cottonwood waste rock site, as confirmed by Mr. Davis letter-to-file of October 28, 2010. The 3rd Quarter 2010 waste rock pile inspection was completed by John Christensen on September 22, 2010. There were no signs of unstable conditions, or other hazards noted by the Permittee's qualified individuals. Mr. Christensen noted in the report that the Cottonwood waste rock site is at 36% of capacity. The visible area of the present lift being utilized is approximately 97%. The old waste rock site is still being inspected, although it has received a Phase III bond release from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining as of September 22, 2009. The Permittee's Safety Department has notified MSHA of the pile abandonment in accordance with 30 CFR 77.215-4; to date, no response has been received from that agency. The P.E. certification for both refuse facilities was completed by Mr. John Christensen, Utah registered professional engineer, on October 18, 2010.

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#### 14. Subsidence Control

All underground activities at the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine complex ceased in 2001 with the termination of mining activities at the Trail Mountain Mine.

### 15. Cessation of Operations

The site remains in temporary cessation status.

#### 21. Bonding and Insurance

The current general liability insurance for the Cottonwood / Trail Mountain Mine remains in effect through August 28, 2011. Coverage is also provided for damage incurred from the use of explosives, as well as subsidence damage. Coverage amounts for general aggregate and each occurrence categories is \$ 2,000,000.00. The policy also has an excess / umbrella liability coverage amount of \$ 35,000,000.00 in place. The cancellation clause requiring notification to the Division should any changes or cancellation of this policy occur meets the requirements of the R645 Coal Mining Rules.